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A word from the President

Dear Members,

now it is the time for most of us to take a deep breath, relax and enjoy the summer break.

Looking back to the first half of the year we already organized several highlights around our anniversary on national and international level. The anniversary event in Ede (NL), the wonderful Taikai in Spain, to mention just a few.

I would like to thank all those spending their time and enthusiasm in taking part and share those moments of Budo and real martial arts spirit with us in a familiar atmosphere! Please remember that IMAF Europe was never a matter of size, it is a home for those devoting their life's to Budo, integrity and loyalty in traditional lineage to preserve those important values which were settled long time ago in the spirit of the Samurai.

Jens Fricke, President

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Important upcoming events

Calendar

IMAF-Europe European Open Championships on 18 and 19 October 2014 in Nowe, Poland



"A person who is truly humble will always have an inner calm" Matsumura Sokon (1885)

DO NOT FORGET!

The registration forms for the competitions are also downloadable from our website www.imaf-europe.com



Fourth Seminar of Aikijujutsu in Mallorca with Hanshi Jose Miranda

Article by Bernardo Suárez

A new visit to Calviá of José Miranda Mateo, Hanshi 8th Dan of Nihon Jujutsu and Kyoshi 7th Dan of Aikijujutsu (accompanied by Alfonso Duarte, 4th Dan Aikijujutsu), a week before travelling to Paris to teach class, we were fortunate to receive teachings of one of the most wanted teachers in Europe and recognized in Japan by several organizations.

We met a group of enthusiasts of Nihon Kobudo,

ancient traditional martial arts, with practitioners and students of other styles and organizations with whom we are united in our passion for Budo; teachers of Aikido, Judo, Karate, Jujutsu Aikijujutsu, Self Defence practicing for long hours many basic techniques and Randori, because the level of the practitioners was good and fluid. In the afternoon the day of training was completed with a closed class for senior belts and teachers of FAMT Nihon Kobudo Gendai Budo for three hours, where the programs of Tanto Jutsu, Kenjutsu and Tanbojutsu were studied.



International Seminar of Nihon Kobudo in Llers (Girona)

Article by Victor Herrero, Vice-president, FAMT NKGB-IMAF SPAIN

On 29 and 30 March, the FAMT NKGB-IMAF SPAIN organized an International Seminar of Budo at the Sports Centre of Llers (Girona).

To do this the following European Sensei were invited: Edgar Kruyning Sensei (Holland), direct student of Minoru Mochizuki (Yoseikan Dojo-Japan) 7th Dan Jujutsu, 5th Dan Yoseikan Budo, assisted by his wife Audrey Kruyning, 3rd Dan Yoseikan Budo; Bruce Scrivens Sensei (England), 7th Dan Kyoshi Muso Shinden Ryu Iaido (DNBK); Sergio Hernández Sensei (Spain), 6th Dan Karate, 6th Dan Kobudo, 4th Dan Iaijutsu, 3rd Dan Toyama Ryu (ZNTIR) ; Jorge Rosa Sensei (Portugal), 6th Dan Wado Ryu Karate and Chief Instructor for Europe of Mugen-Kai.

In addition to the above Sensei specially invited for the occasion, the following Sensei were also teaching in the seminar: Del Rio Sensei (Jujutsu), Juan Antonio Salas Sensei (Jujutsu), Hanshi José Miranda (Jujutsu), Antonio Montía Sensei (Karate-Jutsu), Hanshi José Guisado (Jujutsu), Pere Emiliano Sensei (Jujutsu) and Víctor Herrero Sensei (Iaijutsu).



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Saturday classes had many participants and in Sunday morning we moved to the Tadaima Dojo in the town of Figueres for the morning session of Toyama Ryu Tameshigiri where the Toyama Ryu practitioners and members of Zen Nihon Toyama Ryu Iaido Renmei, as well as all those interested in

this art, could try the real cutting on Japanese "Tatami Omote". Throughout the weekend we lived a great Budo atmosphere and camaraderie and had the opportunity to meet more fully the technical and human aspects of the excellent guest teachers.



Bruce Scrivens Sensei Kyoshi 7º Dan Muso Shiden Ryu laiDo

Edgar Kruining Sensei

Kyoshi 7º Dan Yoseikan Jujutsu

IMAF ESPAÑA 日本古武道現代武道 FAMT NIHON KOBUDO GENDAI BUDO

n Polideportivo de Llers (Girona) 29 y 30 de Marz

Sergio Hernández Sensei Presidente Toyama Ryu España

> Jorge Rosa Sensei 6º Dan Wado Ryu Karate









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Vicky Fricke trained with polish ITKF National-Coach

On invitation of TKVH Halberstadt Vicky Fricke (2nd Dan) from Osaka Sport Center Emden took part in a two day seminar in Halberstadt. Guest instructor was Wlodimierz Kwieczinski 7th Dan from Poland. As assistant instructor served the representative of ITKF Uruguay, Sensei Nelson Carrion 7th Dan.

Włodimierz Kwiecinski started in 1971 with Karate under the japaneses master Chiyomaro Shimoda. After finishing his studies in medecine he opened in Lodz (Poland) several Karate schools. In the past he was a long time senior student under Dr. Ilija Jorga, chief instructor and head of the FUDOKAN Karate-Do Renmei in Europe. Meanwhile Dr. Kwieczinski, a direct student of Sensei Nishiyama, serves as world chief instructor of the ITKF and Traditional Karate Institute. Kwieczinski is National Coach ITKF Poland and teaches almost every week in a different country the art of Karate. For Vicky Fricke was this seminar very special because of starting her Karate way in 1991 in Halberstadt.



IMAF-Germany Sakura Cup 2014

This year's IMAF Sakura Cup for Sport Ju-Jutsu, Mixed Ju-Jutsu Kumite and Jiu-Jitsu in Moordorf (Germany) was again a great success. Almost 100 participants showed their skills on three Tatami in different age and weight divisions.

The tournament was rated as qualification tournament for the IMAF European Championships in Nowe /PL. in October. Host was Manfred Schloesser Sensei and his Budo Sport Club Suedbrookmerland.





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An IMAF Team participated in international competition in Georgia.

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IMAF POLAND ACTIVITIES

Three months and three big events, with some solid numbers each time. For sure it was busy quarter in Poland. We started on 5th April in Żagań, where IMAFPL Polish Cup was held.

Then, on 1st - 3rd May in Wiktorowo, third year in a row we met on martial arts seminar, where instructors from Poland and Ukraine led karate, ju jitsu, brasilian ju jitsu, judo, kobudo, sport kenjutsu and kickboxing trainings for more than 170 participants. Eleven of them took also karate and ju jitsu DAN exams. Finally, on 6th June IMAFPL Polish Championship took place in Olkusz. It was one of our biggest events so far, with 21 participating clubs! Now we have some rest, but not for long.

At the end of August the best IMAFPL athletes will meet again at National Team Camp, where they will have some preparations before the European Championships.

Only week later some of them will go to Słupsk for the reactivated Martial Arts Gala, *in memoriam* of Hanshi Michał Godnicz, our ju jitsu and karate teacher and friend.

Finally, what we all are waiting for, IMAF-Europe European Open Championship Nowe 2014! It sure was a couple of hot months starting in April, but more is still yet to come





IMAF EUROPE MEETING JAPANESE MASTERS

President Jens Fricke took the opportunity to pay some Japanese master our respect to Morita, Ono and Yoshida Sensei at a Seminar in France.

Morita and Yoshida were leading members of the IFNB and in the past there was a strong lineage/connection with Mochizuki.

picture shows the Japanese delegation, host Valmy Debot, flanked by Jens Fricke (r) and his student Thorsten Dreesmann (l)



7th Tournament Shinkai Bugei Jujutsu Article by Bernardo Suárez

On May 3rd was held the 7th Tournament Shinkai Bugei Jujutsu, organized by the Asociación Bushido Calvia and approved by FAMT NKGB-IMAF Spain. During the same event the Balearic Championship of Nihon Jujutsu was held where 50 competitors of all ages delighting us with good fighting.

Demonstrations of different disciplines practiced in the association were also performed.

The first demonstration was in charge of the laijutsu group: Seitei lai conducted by Stefano Bianchi and José A. Aguilera, Muso Shinden Ryu by Daniel Torres and osé López, Aikido by Esteban Bergara, Nihon Jujutsu by Ricardo Suárez. Yolanda de la Luz introduced by first time a demonstration with the girls group, Francsico Vidal, Goshin Shindo Kai Aikijujutsu with Bernardo Suárez and the kids group. Daniel Torres, head in Balearic Islands of Toyama Ryu Battô Jutsu, demonstrated four Kata of the style and then Tameshigiri.







7^o TORNEO SHIN KAI BUGEI JUJUTSU

1° CAMPEONATO BALEAR NIHON JUJUTSU

Organiza: shinkaibugeijujutsu.com

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- Iaijutsu
- Nihon Jujutsu - Kenpo Karate
- Muso Shinden Ryu
- Tameshigiri
- Kyokushinkai
- Nihon Jujutsu Femenino
- Toyama Ryu Batto Jutsu

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IMAF EUROPE EOC 2014 KIDS

The IMAF European Championships for children between 5-12 on Sunday 25th May in Emden were a big success. 128 children from Germany, Bosnia, Romania, Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Poland joined the divisions in Karate, Jujutsu, Kobudo and Point-Fighting. The tournament took place on 7 Tatami following a strict timeframe. Almost 45 Referees supported the Cup and made the divisions running very smoothly.

All competitors received small gifts from the sponsors. First places received an additional special IMAF EC T-shirt and a throphy. The 2^{nd} to 4^{th} places received a medals.

Apart from the tournament IMAF Germany arranged a small workshop for Jujutsu on Saturday lead by Peter Rosendahl, followed by an international meet and greet in the Dojo with coffee and cake.







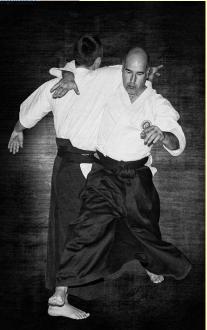
Martin O`Malley teaching in Germany

On invitation of Heinz Tessner Sensei from Matsubayashi Ryu Dojo Grossefehn Martin O`Malley Sensei (President IMAF Branch Ireland) was teaching a Karate seminar in Timmel.

Martin O`Malley is visiting the Dojo on a regular base to spread the style of Matsubayashi Ryu in Germany.

German IMAF Vice-President Peter Kluss handed over a certificate of appreciation to both Sensei for their enthusiasm and spreading the art of Matsubayashi Ryu in Germany.







Solidarity Karate Championship in Riudoms (Tarragona) Article by Enrique Antonio Laulhe Sensei (Shorin Ryu Shin Shu Kan)

On Sunday March 16 was held a Karate charity tournament at the Sports Centre of Riudoms (Tarragona), organized by the Asociación Shorin Ryu Shin Shu Kan Tarragona and IMAF Spain.

The aim was to raise money to buy a wheelchair for a disabled person in the area with the support of the "Asociación Cambrils Tots Plegats" and the Town hall of Riudoms as well as different business companies and the magazine of Riudoms "Fem Safareig".

The competition took place in several categories, from children to seniors and various categories of Kyu and Dan in the form of Kata.

During intermission teachers and some students conducted demonstrations of Karate, Self Defence, laido and Tameshigiri (cutting with real swords).

The Asociación Kenshinkan offered a demonstration of Karate Goju Ryu training drills, the Self Defence was demonstrated by the Asociación Shorin Ryu of Riudoms, Víctor Herrero Sensei demonstrated Toyama Ryu Battojutsu showing the Kata of the style and then Antonio Montía Sensei, Oleksander Myerlich Sensei and Sergio Robles Sensei offered real cutting doing Tameshigiri.



Fourth Ken-Zen Dojo Karate trophy

Article by Víctor Herrero, President and Technical Director Ken-Zen Dojo

On Saturday June 7, 2014 held the fourth edition of Ken-Zen Karate Trophy at the Sports Pavilion of Santa Margarida i els Monjos (Barcelona).

This tournament for children is developed only in mode KARATE KATA and is organized by the School of Traditional Japanese Martial Arts KEN-ZEN DOJO from Els Monjos in collaboration with the local council, the FAMT Nihon Kobudo Gendai Budo-IMAF Spain and the logistics company Alancar Express-Palibex.







IMAF Osaka Cup 2014

Participants of more than 16 regional German clubs took part in this year's traditional Karate Tournament in Emden. The tournament was the last possibility to qualify on national level for the IMAF European Championships in Nowe(Poland) in October. First time the Osaka Cup took place same day as the Emden City Festival "Delft fest". After the competition the fighters and accompanying people had the chance to join live music and different attractions around the harbour of Emden.

Divisions were Ippon Shobu Kumite, Kata and Team-Kata divided into different age and belt divisions.

Due to the close distance in time to the European Championships for children and youth organized by IMAF Branch Germany as well, this



10th Anniversary of the Cala Montjoi Taikai Article by Victor Herrero, Vice-president FAMT Nihon Kobudo Bujutsu-IMAF Spain

This year our federation FAMT Nihon Kobudo Gendai Budo-IMAF Spain, celebrated its 10th Taikai in Cala Montjoi on June 13, 14 and 15th.

To celebrate this event as well as the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Japanese ambassador in Spain, we invited Yoshimitsu Kurumaji Sensei and Haruo Yoshino Sensei, both from Hiroshima (Japan).

Attendance at this Taikai was massive, with the participation of more than 350 practitioners from across Spain as well as Germany, Belgium, Holland, England, Ireland and Portugal.

On Friday 13th Dan grading exams were conducted for Karate Jutsu, Iai Jutsu, Aiki Jujutsu and Nihon Jujutsu and subsequently the traditional meeting was held with all the heads of the various dojo, associations and federations attending the Taikai, during which, José Miranda Hanshi, President of IMAF Spain, was to release details of the program of activities as well as information and advice for the proper functioning of the Taikai.

With extreme punctuality, Saturday began with the presentation of all teachers, followed by the delivery of Diplomas of Dan grades.

There were prepared six zones for simultaneous work for the practice of Karate, Jujutsu, Aiki-jujutsu, Iai-Jutsu, Aikido, Shibukawa Ichi Ryu, Nihon Kobudo and Toyama Ryu Battojutsu.

After lunch there the teachers meeting was held at national and international level, this time in the presence of Japanese Sensei who were presented gifts from multiple teachers. This year's coffee and pastries and Cava with which we celebrate our meeting and our friendship was even more exciting, if possible, than in previous years. Finally a gift of our federation was given to all the teachers present as a token of our friendship and respect.

After dinner the traditional ENBU was performed in which the Japanese Sensei and a representation of European teachers and students delighted the audience with their art in different disciplines of Budo accompanied for the first time with the different performances offered by SEIWA TAIKO, theTaiko group hired especially for the event.

José Miranda Sensei returned to thrill us with his words full of feeling and emotion and the10th Anniversary Enbu was finished.

Sunday morning was devoted especially to the practice of Nihon Kobudo Torite Jutsu with Yoshino Sensei and Shibukawa Ichi Ryu Jujutsu with Kurumaji Sensei, as well as the Toyama Ryu Tameshigiri.

The huge effort this year has meant the Taikai organization has been rewarded for a great participation and a excellent collaboration of all those representatives, to whom we again appreciate their effort.

From our point of view, this has been the best Taikai. We have enjoyed with intensity. The opportunity to be again with all of you during this hot June weekend has filled our hearts with joy.







Thank you all for helping us from a magical Cala Montjoi



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